

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Teleconference Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2016 - 5:30 P.M.

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on September 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT Chairperson
Dorothy Gaskin, PT Vice Chair
Emily Garner, PT
Charles Bass, PT
Jesse Crews, Consumer Member
Chad Whitefield, PT

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent

Monty Strickland, PT
Reid Lawson, PT

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams Mc Neely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

None

Call to Order: Ms. Gaskin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance Request(s)

1) Maika Rivette – BR 490-2-.03(d)

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of Board Rule 490-2-.03(d).

2) Lela Layfield - BR 490-4-.01(b)

Ms. Garner motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-4-.01(b) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship

3) Lisa Pinson-BR 490-2-.03(c)(e)

Ms. Garner motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(c)(d) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

4) Maika Rivette BR – 490-2-.03(g)

Mr. Bass motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(g).

Miscellaneous Discussions – Dry Needling

Ms. Gaskin shares with the Board that there are numerous emails being shared regarding the proposed changes to the Dry Needling Board Rule. Ms. Gaskin asked the Board's advice regarding how she should answer any emails or comments that she may receive regarding dry needling. Ms. Price stated that she should refer those individuals to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy Board Minutes and also to FSBPT as the Board has been discussing this issue for the past two years. Dr. Palma stated that dry needling is currently listed in our practice act and stated that the proposed changes are not meant to be punitive but rather for accountability. She personally thinks that this is a

good thing since dry needling will be added as a subtype to the license and it will make it easier to identify those licensed individuals who have obtained the required education to use dry needling. Mr. Bass feels that those licensees who have been performing dry needling for some time may not have documentation to show proof that they have received the required education to be granted approval to use dry needling.

Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on:

September 20, 2016

DR. STEFANIE PALMA
BOARD VICE CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR